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The Soviet supply traffic as observed in June and July considerably exceeded the normal flow of supply shipments from the U.S.S.R. to Germany, which was reported at a rate of approximately 1,000 freight cars per month. This increase was mainly due to the motor vehicle replacement program, which was started in mid-February 1952. Until 31 July 1952, a total of 8,298 new motor vehicles arrived in Eastern Germany, and about 5,700 old ones were returned to the U.S.S.R. In June and July, a total of 3,413 new motor vehicles was sent to Eastern Germany. In June, tanks arrived at the increased rate of about 130, most of which were undoubtedly for the Volkspolizei (VP). Contrary to May 1952, no sizable weapons shipments arrived during the reported period. However, there are indications that major shipments of arms were made in August. In spite of the holding of summer exercises, ammunition shipments were at a very low rate, which indicates that ammunition depots were well stocked. It is believed that only special ammunition was delivered in June and July. Special gasoline, mostly for the air force, was the only type which arrived during the period under review. This confirms that the Soviet military fuel requirements in Eastern Germany are almost entirely covered by the production of East German

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hydrogenation plants. From an analysis of the destinations of supply shipments, it appears that VP units are furnished with tanks, weapons and ammunition from the U.S.S.R., but their motor vehicle requirements are apparently met from production in Eastern Germany. The ammunition is delivered via large ammunition depots in Eastern Germany.

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